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Marginal Column

By DAVID VITAL

A fortnight ago the Yugoslavs concluded their first agreement with the Russians since the break between them in 1948. The agreement was a commercial one without any political strings, and there is nothing in it to suggest that Yugoslavia is retracing her steps back to Moscow. And yet Marshal Tito felt it necessary a fortnight later to come out and declare publicly that Yugoslavia will not return to the Soviet Bloc, though it is prepared to cooperate with the East European states on a basis of equality. No-one on the Western side of the Iron Curtain believes that Marshal Tito would think of sacrificing his present independence, so that it could hardly be that his statement was designed to calm Western fears. Clearly he was addressing the East on one hand and his own followers on the other.

LIKE Spain, Yugoslavia suffers from the fact that ideologically and socially it is out of key with the international bloc with which it must associate. It cannot afford not to come to terms with the West, and yet it fears that if it goes too far it will become a semi-satellite, open to spiritual corrosion by the Americans. It is a moot point whether Franco believes in his own amalgam of racism, *Hispanidad*, Roman Catholicism, corporative statism and militarism. But there can be no doubt that Marshal Tito and the other Yugoslav leaders believe they have founded a new kind of Marxism, practical, reasonably democratic and deserving attention by all men and nations of good will. So Yugoslavs naturally feel that they must at all costs preserve their independence. The tendency in America of late to consider Yugoslavia a safe bet has alarmed them. It may be assumed that Marshal Tito warned the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Murphy, against it when the latter was in Belgrade last month.

ACCORDINGLY, Yugoslav foreign policy is in the course of re-definition. On the one hand, Belgrade has been making conciliatory moves in Moscow's direction, moves which have already born fruit in the form of the new trade pact and an easing of relations with the Communist-controlled Balkan states. On the other hand, the Yugoslavs have been seeking friends outside the main circle of Western nations. Overtures from Bonn, especially when the European Defence Community's fate was still undecided and Chancellor Adenauer was looking for possible alternatives — the Balkan Pact powers among them — have been received very politely. It is said that the Marshal intends to visit Mr. Nehru. And his recent, rather surprising, but long-sighted statement about willingness to contribute to the advancement of peace in our own area — that, too, may be taken as evidence that his search for associates is not limited regionally or in time. This urge to break out of the NATO orbit was undoubtedly one of the factors which moved Yugoslavia to accept the Trieste settlement which, in substance, is very similar to the one the Americans and British tried to impose last year. Having kicked up a fuss and forced the powers to seek an Italo-Yugoslav agreement, Marshal Tito showed his mettle and also the value, from time to time, of playing hard to get. The abortive Anglo-American *diktat* was itself a lesson in the danger of leasing yourself out too cheaply.

IN brief, Yugoslavia seems in search of new friends, maybe as far afield as China, who will together form a loose Third Force. From the Western point of view, there is nothing to fear in this. If Marshal Tito succeeds in teaching Mr. Nehru or even Mr. Chou En-lai some of the lessons he learned from Moscow, so much the better. From the point of view of the non-identified states, there is everything to gain from a more active Yugoslav policy. The only serious danger is a domestic one. The ruling group in Yugoslavia is still a Communist one. Marshal Tito runs the risk of their mistaking his own gestures to the East and Moscow's conciliatory gestures to Belgrade as betokening a coming *rapprochement*. His statement this week was a warning that his Government contemplated nothing of the kind.

Jerusalem, October 20.

ONE SYNAGOGUE SAID LEFT IN KIEV

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA). — "The New York Times" reported today from Kiev that a visiting expert on Jewish affairs estimates that there are as many as 200,000 Jews in the city, but that the Ukrainian capital has only one synagogue. Before the Bolshevik Revolution, when the Jewish population totalled from 70,000 to 80,000, there were 20 congregations.

SEVEN LIBYANS ORDERED DEPORTED

BENGHAZI, Tuesday (Reuter). — Seven leading Libyan citizens — all members of the Senussi family — were ordered yesterday to be deported to Hun oasis, 240 kms. from here. The reason for the deportation was not announced.

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Mendes-France, Adenauer Accord on Saar Reported

Talks Prelude to Paris Parley

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The French Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France, and the West-German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, tonight reached agreement in principle on a solution to the Saar problem, usually well-informed sources said.

Premier Mendes-France and Dr. Adenauer met for six hours in a 17th century castle near here.

Police detachments guarded the chateau about 16 kilometres outside Paris, as Dr. Adenauer arrived in a French Government Cadillac escorted by 10 white-gloved motorcyclists. He told reporters, "I have come to Paris with much hope. I think that the next few days will bring great advantages for peace."

The French-German talks held in strict secrecy are an important prelude to the series of international meetings beginning here tomorrow to set seal on the London agreements bringing a rearmed West Germany into the Atlantic Alliance.

Dr. Adenauer and M. Mendes-France will meet Foreign Secretary Eden and Secretary of State Dulles tomorrow to approve a protocol granting West Germany her sovereignty.

On Thursday, the nine Powers who drew up the London agreement will meet to recast the allied defence programme to establish the new "Western European Union".

The NATO Council will assemble on Friday to endorse the London plan and invite the Federal Republic to join the 14-nation pact.

Fist-Fight Over Germany Delays Vote for Scelba

ROME, Tuesday (UP). — Fist fights on the floor of the Italian Chamber of Deputies tonight broke up a wild session of parliament a few minutes before members had been scheduled to vote on the foreign policies of Premier Mario Scelba.

Deputies turned the chamber into an arena for a free-for-all fight in which they battled with fists, elbows and pieces of broken furniture.

The disorder continued for 10 minutes until riot police arrived on the scene to break it up.

The fighting developed just before the roll was to be called on a motion tantamount to approval of the start made on German rearmament at the recent London Conference and a go-ahead for the Italian Foreign Minister in the new German rearmament conferences opening tomorrow in Paris.

Basic Differences On Plans to Disarm

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — The United States said today that "fundamental and basic differences" had emerged between the latest Soviet disarmament proposals submitted by Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky on September 30 and the plan favoured by the Western Powers.

The U.S. delegate, Mr. James Wadsworth, listed the differences before the United Nations Political Committee when it resumed its debate on disarmament.

They concerned:

1) Whether conventional armaments and armed forces should be reduced to agreed levels as proposed by the West or by proportions as advocated by Mr. Vyshinsky.

2) The Powers and authority of the international control machinery. "On this all-important question there has been no change in the Soviet position," Mr. Wadsworth commented.

3) The timing and phasing of the most important elements of the disarmament programme.

"We have had some success in narrowing the differences that separate us," Mr. Wadsworth said. "There is no alternative course, but to try again."

The Canadian resolution before the Committee proposing the renewal of the closed five-Power talks begun in London last summer afforded the best hope of progress, he declared.

The United States, France and Britain have agreed to sponsor the resolution and still awaited word today from Mr. Vyshinsky whether the Soviet Union would also sponsor it.

London Parley Saved Western Unity—Eden

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons today that if an alternative solution to the European Defence Community were not quickly found "the whole structure of Western cooperation and defence must disintegrate and collapse."

The Foreign Secretary, reporting to the Commons on the recent London talks, referred to Britain's pledge to keep four and one-half divisions and a tactical Air Force on the Continent until 1998. Mr. Eden added that he was convinced that the British Government was right to take this step.

"If we had not done so, the whole conference would have failed with disastrous consequences for us all."

Quick Work

Mr. Eden said that "very good progress" had been made in meetings between the experts in implementing the decisions of the London Conference. He hoped that when the Ministers meet in Paris tomorrow they would be able to "complete our work quickly."

Mr. Eden spoke of the importance of the undertaking by Dr. Adenauer that certain weapons including atomic weapons would not be manufactured in the Federal Republic.

"This voluntary renunciation, made at a difficult moment in the Conference, enabled the Conference to resolve a problem on which no other acceptable solution was in sight," Mr. Eden declared.

He added, "If our hopes in these agreements can finally be realized, my greatest measure of satisfaction will lie in the fact that Germany can find her place in joint membership with countries she has in the past invaded."

Churchill Still Seeks Malenkov Meeting

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Sir Winston Churchill told the reconvened House of Commons today that he had in no way receded from his expression of willingness to meet the Soviet Premier, Mr. Georgi Malenkov, at the right time. The Prime Minister was answering a Labour questioner.

Asked what progress had been made in arranging such a meeting and asked specifically about a meeting with Mr. Malenkov, the Prime Minister replied:

"The situation has been altered by the negotiations which the Soviet Government set on foot recently, and they are now under consideration and discussion.

"I have in no way receded in my expression of willingness to meet Mr. Malenkov at some agreed place or rendezvous if a right time and occasion is found."

World Disarmament

On world disarmament, Sir Winston said, "The Foreign Secretary and I made it clear in the debate on April 5 that we are prepared to take part in discussions at any level or to employ any other means which may best help us towards agreement on a safe and fair disarmament programme and on other great issues.

"There must, however, be general agreement upon the time and method.

"It would in my opinion be improper to cut across the negotiations now proceeding in the United Nations where the Assembly has recently been discussing the important proposals which we and our French friends presented last June together with the proposals recently presented by the Russians.

"It has now been suggested that there should be further private talks between the Powers principally concerned, including, of course, the Soviet Union.

"The Government welcomes this and will contribute their best endeavours to reaching an acceptable solution."

Vietminh Chief Urges Close Ties with France

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The North Vietnam President, Mr. Ho Chi Minh, has told the French Government representative in Hanoi, M. Jean Sainteny, that French cooperation in the reconstruction of Vietnam would be welcome, according to French reports received here today.

In a cordial meeting with M. Sainteny he is reported to have said that if some Frenchmen would return to Hanoi, it might be possible to guarantee them freedom of movement and the right to transfer their earnings to France.

He expressed surprise that the overwhelming majority of Frenchmen should have left the northern Indo-China capital before the entry of the Vietminh troops on October 6, the reports said.

Mr. Ho told the French representative that his country is eager to maintain close economic and cultural relations with France, according to French reports received here today. No official statement was issued on their talks, but usually well-informed French quarters described the atmosphere as very cordial.

It was believed that French and North Vietnam experts would try and work out details of future relations between the two countries.

Nehru in Peking, Meets Mao

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (Reuter). — Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, met President Mao Tse-tung in Peking today, according to a Press Trust of India correspondent in the Chinese capital.

Mr. Nehru is on a 13-day visit to China.

The Indian Premier arrived in Peking earlier today and was greeted at the airport by Mr. Chou En-lai, the Prime Minister, and other members of the Cabinet and Communist Party leaders.

On his way to Peking from India, Mr. Nehru met Mr. U Nu, the Burmese Prime Minister, and Mr. Ho Chi Minh, the North Vietnam leader, to obtain their views on questions he will discuss in Peking.

Before leaving Hanoi yesterday, Mr. Nehru issued a joint statement with Mr. Ho. It said that they were both "interested in the full implementation of the Geneva agreement relating to Indo-China."

Mr. Nehru confirmed that he would visit Southern Vietnam and Cambodia on his return from China.

Lloyd Urges Less Publicity In Arab-Israel Affairs

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter) — Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, leader of the British delegation to the U.N. General Assembly, in answer to a question at a press conference yesterday, said that progress could be made in Arab-Israel relations only if both sides agree to the steps to be taken.

"One of the difficulties is that the public ventilation of suggestions usually means that one side or the other turns that suggestion down," he added. "I think we had much better try a little more privately to see if we can find some way of reconciling these differences."

Nasser Reps Pakistani's Embrace of Ebau

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — Premier Gamal Abdul Nasser yesterday criticized Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Sir Zafrullah Khan for having embraced the Israel Ambassador in Washington, Mr. Abba Eban, at the end of his recent speech before the U.N. General Assembly.

"Millions the world over wonder in whose name Zafrullah Khan was acting when he made this public gesture to Abba Eban of Israel. We wonder if this behaviour can be displayed by a judge of the International Court of Justice," Nasser said.

Iraq Will Join Turkey, Pakistan If Needed—Nuri

ISTANBUL, Tuesday (Reuter)— Iraq will enter the Turco-Pakistani pact if this will be required by circumstances, the Iraqi premier, Nuri Said, declared at a press conference here yesterday.

He emphasized the fact that Turco-Iraqi friendship was older than the Turco-Pakistani alliance.

The Premier added that the Arab world can collaborate with the West when the Suez and "Palestine" questions are solved. He ended by saying that "great" results would come from his talks with the Turkish Government.

Nuri returned to Baghdad today.

Difficulties Facing Baghdad

Meanwhile, "The Times" of London said today that the interests of Iraq in the long run would "dictate association with the Turco-Pakistani pact."

Two difficulties held back Baghdad from lining up with Ankara and Karachi, the paper claimed. One, it said, is Arab xenophobia against the Western powers, which is strong among the masses in Iraq, though the Anglo-Egyptian agreement over the Canal base has done something to lessen this.

"The second factor is the strong feeling in Iraq in favour of Arab solidarity, particularly against Israel. This makes many Iraqis, for sentimental reasons, prefer an Arab defence pact, even if it exists mainly on paper, to the Turco-Pakistani pact which is popularly regarded as implying a tie-up with the U.S.," the paper pointed out.

"Even now, when the Arab kingdoms are being given American arms, many Iraqis would prefer to keep the U.S. at a respectful distance for fear closer relations might open the way to American pressure favouring a settlement with Israel."

Hussein Orders Probe Into Riots

King Hussein of Jordan on Monday ordered Premier Tewfik Abu'l Huda to set up a Cabinet committee to determine responsibility for the two-day riots and week-end incidents throughout Jordan in connection with Saturday's general elections in that country.

Ten persons were killed, 20 were injured and scores were detained during the disorder.

The Cabinet met later on Monday in an emergency session to discuss the situation which was reported yesterday as back to normal, although there was no news as to whether the state of emergency in Amman has ended. The night curfew in Nablus was lifted on Tuesday.

A curfew was proclaimed in Jenin on Monday following an illegal student demonstration during which a child was hit in a stone duel between demonstrators and Arab Legion forces, according to the Old City daily, "A-diffa." Clashes also occurred in Ramallah and Irbid between demonstrators and police forces, while over 30 persons were detained at Nablus after one person was killed and eight were injured.

Azzem Asked to Form Syrian Government

The Syrian President, Hashem el Attasi, has called on Khaled el Azzem, Independent Prime Minister in 1950-51, to attempt to form a cabinet, NEARS reports. The absence of a majority party in the Chamber since the elections a fortnight ago has caused the continuing Cabinet crisis.

NEARS reports further that Azzem ran into difficulties immediately when the National Party and its supporters declared that it would not enter his Cabinet.

Egypt MAC Meeting Tomorrow On Seizure of Bat Galim

The seizure of the Israel freighter Bat Galim while passing through the Suez Canal will be debated tomorrow at an emergency meeting of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission, the U.N. spokesman has announced. The Commission will consider an Egyptian complaint that the Bat Galim sank one trawler and damaged another, and an Israel refutation of this accusation, together with a protest at the impounding of the vessel and her crew.

The M.A.C. is scheduled to meet at kilometre 95 in the Gaza Strip, under the Chairmanship of Colonel Bartholdy. The U.N. Observers' report of their investigation in Suez and Cairo was handed to the T.S.O. Chief of Staff yesterday the spokesman said. The report was then submitted to both parties for examination prior to the meeting.

"El Jihad," the Old City daily has reported that the Egyptian authorities will hand over the Bat Galim and its cargo to the Egyptian Army's confiscation board.

Egypt has already adopted this procedure in dealing with the cargo of Israel-bound ships, the paper said. The transfer will take place after the Egyptian Government receives the U.N. observers' reports on their investigation into this case, the paper stated.

Israel today resumes participation in the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, after a lapse of six months following the verdict on the Ma'ale Akrabim outrage. The new Chairman of the Commission, Lt. Colonel Charles F. Brewster, is to be introduced to the delegates of both parties at a M.A.C. meeting this morning at Mandelbaum Gate, Jerusalem. The U.N. spokesman said that the session would deal with procedural matters.

Burns, Dayan Meet

The T.S.O. Chief of Staff, General E.L.M. Burns, met Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan on Sunday to discuss the agreement establishing closer contact between local commanders in the Jerusalem area. A hitch involving the role of the U.N. in the agreement prevented its signing last Friday. The U.N. spokesman was unaware last night of further progress in the negotiations.

The spokesman denied that a meeting had been arranged between General Burns and Colonel Salah Jawhar, Director of Palestine Affairs in the Egyptian Ministry of War, or that the T.S.O. had been informed of any coming visit of the Egyptian officer to Jerusalem.

The Egyptian Ministry of War spokesman said last night, according to Reuter, that Colonel Jawhar was to fly to Jerusalem to meet General Burns.

GUARDS FIRED ON

Two shots were fired early yesterday morning on guards at Mevo Betar, in the Jerusalem Corridor. Two tommy-gun shells were found in the area. No one was hit.

Britain, Egypt Sign Suez Pact; Israel Is 'Watchful'

72 Years' Occupation Ended

CAIRO, Thursday. — The final agreement ending 72 years of British occupation of the Suez Canal Zone was signed here tonight after the Cabinets of both Governments gave their approval earlier today. The chief signatories to the accord were Mr. Anthony Nutting, British Minister of State, and the Egyptian Prime Minister, Lieut-Col. Gamal Abdul Nasser.

Major Salah Salem, Minister of National Guidance, told a press conference, "The new situation will force Israel to think more than once before committing aggression against Arabs once Egypt has been liberated."

He was confident that the agreement would "lead to greater stability in the Arab world."

Egypt undertakes to service Royal Air Force planes on notified flights at Egyptian Airports. Both Governments reaffirm their determination to uphold their United Nations obligations and the Suez Canal Convention of 1888 guaranteeing freedom of navigation.

50,000 Tons' Ammunition

One of the annexes to the agreement fixes the level of stores in the Canal Zone which Britain may not increase. These include 50,000 tons of ammunition and 300,000 tons of ordnance. For the duration of the agreement, the Shell Oil Company will operate and maintain its Suez-Cairo oil pipeline.

The agreement, which came into force on signature, is valid until October 19, 1961, when it expires unless both parties wish to renew it. An agreed exchange of letters provides for ratification by both parties within 30 days.

The agreement signed today grew out of negotiations begun in August, 1953, by General Sir Brian Robertson, former British Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, and Mr. Robert Hankey, then British Charge d'Affaires in Egypt.

The British are to evacuate the zone but to leave 1,200 Army technicians to maintain zone installations. The base could be reactivated if Iran or Turkey, as well as any of the Arab states were attacked by a foreign power.

These two points held up the agreement until last July. Egypt insisted that the tech-

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Military, Strategic Balance Altered

The signature of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the evacuation of the Suez Canal zone calls for watchful preparedness on the part of Israel and for a constant effort to consolidate her strength, the Foreign Ministry spokesman stated last night.

At this turning point in Middle Eastern history it is more than ever essential that Egypt be urged to respect her international obligations and abjure her policy of hostility and violence towards Israel, he said. Therefore, it was difficult for Israel to join without reserve in the chorus of congratulations on the occasion of the signing of the agreement.

"It is not the agreement itself that imposes reservations, but the circumstances that surround it. Israel is far from begrudging Egypt the fulfilment of the national aspirations which she has achieved as a result of prolonged struggle. But in view of Egypt's consistent hostility towards Israel, her neighbour, and of Egypt's claim that she is still in a state of war with Israel despite the armistice, Israel cannot help viewing with concern the important accretion of strength which Egypt has obtained overnight.

No Demand on Egypt

"The Canal Zone with all its installations now passing into the possession of Egypt alters the military and strategic balance to Egypt's advantage without any demand on Egypt that she modify her attitude towards Israel or any real attempt to allay Israel's well-founded apprehensions. Indeed, Egypt has recently once again demonstrated openly her utter disregard of elementary international obligations by seizing an Israel merchant ship passing through the Suez Canal on her lawful way and inventing fantastic accusations against the members of her crew.

"At this turning point in Middle Eastern history it is more than ever essential that Egypt be urged to respect her international obligations and abjure her policy of hostility and violence towards Israel.

"The signature of the agreement brings to a successful conclusion a long process of negotiation. It pops both for Egypt and for the Powers a serious and significant test. The quality of the agreement will be revealed in the results of this test — whether the agreement has any contribution to make to the welfare of the area or whether it opens the way to excesses which no one in the world can possibly wish to see.

"The situation calls for watchful preparedness on the part of Israel and for a constant effort to consolidate her strength," the spokesman concluded.

Eden Hopes Tension Will Be Relaxed

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons today that he hoped that the Anglo-Egyptian agreement "would open a new chapter of friendship between the two nations concerned and would strengthen the cause of peace in the area."

Mr. Eden added, "These plans are aimed at no other power. On the contrary, once the unity of the free nations of the West has been achieved we shall be the better able to move on towards even wider projects including, let us hope, a relaxation of tension between East and West."

"The full text will be laid before the House at the earliest possible moment. I am sure that the House will welcome the conclusion of this difficult and complex negotiation.

"Her Majesty's Government believe that it will open a new chapter in our relations with Egypt, and that it will serve the cause of peace and stability throughout the Middle East."

Mr. Clement Davies, the Liberal leader, urged the Foreign Secretary to bear in mind the position of Israel and the general Middle East situation.

Mr. Eden replied, "Our hope is that, as a result of these negotiations, we shall be able to move on to a general relaxation of tension throughout the Middle East."

A Labour member, Mr. Ivor Owen-Thomas asked if Mr. Eden's statement had the full support of the Government back bench "rebels" who earlier this year had criticized the Government's Egyptian policy.

"Oh, yes," Mr. Eden smilingly replied. "I am quite happy about that."

Mr. Eden sent the following message to Prime Minister Nasser:

"I am delighted that full agreement has now been reached between our two Governments.

"We welcome this important step towards a new understanding and friendship between our two countries. We shall do all in our power to make the agreement work in a spirit of cooperation and in the interests of peace. I know that that is also the purpose of your Government."

Free Transit Stressed By Paris Circles

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Diplomatic circles here said today that they were "satisfied" with the signing of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty which should "contribute to the stability" of the Middle East.

In addition, these circles stated that they were pleased to see again consecrated in the agreement the principle of transit in Suez Canal waters which was the object of the 1888 Convention.

Bonn Sees Accord As Anti-Communist Victory

BONN, Tuesday (UP). — The West German Government warmly welcomed the conclusion of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement tonight and hailed it as a new link in the West's fast-growing chain of defences against Communism.

A Government spokesman said "The German Government is delighted at this development that will end years of friction and strife in the Middle East.

"The new agreement will be an important prop for the West's defences. It removed one more critical spot, just as did the recent Italian-Yugoslav agreement on Trieste. It is a very fortunate development."

German sources pointed out that conclusion of the agreement came as the West was forging the principal links for its defence alliance in Paris. They recalled that the years-long friction between Britain and Egypt had been a source of weakness to the West's position in the Middle East.

German interest in the whole area has been pointed up by recent talks in Bonn between Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Turkish Premier Adnan Menderes. The two discussed mutual defence problems, including Middle East defence as a whole, and agreed that Turkey should be admitted to the Brussels Pact as soon as possible.

Congress Aspirants Sign No-Arms Pledge

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (INA) — The number of Congressional candidates signing pledges against the arming of Arab states quadrupled in the past week, bringing the total number of signatories to 100.

The list of the American Zionist Council for Public Affairs includes 56 Democrats, 31 Republicans and others representing minor parties.

New London-Cairo Relations Seen

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — The British Minister of State, Mr. Anthony Nutting, Prime Minister Gamal Abdul Nasser and the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, in a joint communique tonight described the Suez agreement as "being designed to establish Anglo-Egyptian relations on a new basis of cooperation."

"The delegations have laboured intensively to achieve a clear comprehensive agreement which constitutes a constructive measure in the cause of peace," the communique said.

"We now express on behalf of our Governments a sincere desire to work closely and actively together in fulfilling the agreement and so promote a new spirit of understanding and friendship between our peoples."

Carnival Air

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — Cairo took on a carnival air today several hours in advance of Britain's signing the agreement to evacuate her troops from the Suez Canal Zone within 20 months.

Bunting and coloured lights appeared on the streets of the capital and other cities as Egypt prepared to celebrate the end of the 72-year-old occupation of the Canal zone. Tomorrow will be a public holiday.

Britons were invited to dinner parties by Egyptians eager once again to extend the hand of friendship after the bitter Canal dispute.

An hour before the agreement was due to be signed, waves of shouting Egyptians took over the streets of Cairo. Police in most main streets gave up trying to control traffic.

'France Will Help Israel in Need'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A warm protestation of France's deep friendship towards Israel and assurance of his country's help in case of need, was made yesterday by the French Ambassador, M. Pierre Gilbert. Addressing the annual Hoshana Raba reception of the Journalists' Association in the grounds of ZOA House here, M. Gilbert, speaking a fluent, literary Hebrew, said that the traditional friendship was given fresh evidence during the recent visit to Paris of Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, and the visit to Israel of M. Pierre Depreux, Minister of Interior in the French Cabinet during the Exodus incident.

"The help which France showed then will be assured in the event of any such crisis in the future," he said. This friendship was better than written pacts, he added. M. Gilbert spoke in his own name and that of the diplomatic corps.

The Minister of Defence, Mr. P. Lavon, told the gathering that the local press in general featured well the security problem which faced this country. We should always remember, he said, that there is a gap between what we can do and what we ought to do in the present situation, which is likely to continue for a considerable period. We must exploit every ounce of strength and energy to narrow this gap.

Mayor M. Lovenson, said he would like the press to be more constructive in its criticism than it generally is.

An artistic programme was presented by Miss Shoshana Damari, Mr. Raphael Klatchkin, of Habimah, and the Gadna Orchestra, and dance troupe.

The proceedings were opened by the Journalists' Association Chairman, Mr. Yosef Heftman. An Association prize for outstanding reportage was handed by Dr. A. Karlebach to Mr. Ra'anan Louria, for his article in the Defence Forces weekly "Bamahane," describing how he had managed to board an Egyptian naval vessel in Venice harbour earlier this year. The prize is henceforth to be distributed annually.

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Social & Personal

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett gave a tea on Monday afternoon. Guests included Mr. M.G. Caldwell, head of the Canadian Labour Party, the Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, Gen. E.L.M. Burns, the Canadian Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. Kidd, Dr. G. Liban and Mr. N. Galsin of the Zionist Organization of Canada, Mr. Eliezer Livneh, M.K., and Mrs. Livneh, the Governor of the Bank of Israel and Mrs. Horowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph, the Israel Consul in Johannesburg, Mr. Ephraim Evlon, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bassan, Messdames D. Kaplan, Friedgut, and R. Wolf, the Director of the National Insurance Institute and Mrs. Lotan, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Yari, Mr. Walter Eytan, the Director General of the Foreign Ministry, the Deputy Director General of the Foreign Ministry and Mrs. Louria, the former Consul in Montreal and Mrs. Yuval, the Consul in Montreal and Mrs. Gaulan, the Diplomatic Representative in Athens, Mr. Dacom, the Diplomatic Representative in Geneva, Mr. M. Kahany, Dr. J. Penn and Dr. M. Simon, Chief of Protocol of the Foreign Ministry.

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ARRIVALS: Aluf-Mishne Haim Herzog, with his family, on completion of his tour of duty as Military, Naval and Air Attache to the Israel Embassy in Washington; Mr. Ivan B. White, Counsellor at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, returning from home leave (by TWA); Professor Nagendra Deva, a veteran Socialist in India and former Rector of the Benares Hindu University, and his secretary, Mr. Ramnohan, for a visit as guests of the Mapai Party (by El Al); Mr. Joseph Traumeck, conductor of the Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra, for a short visit and concert appearance.

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DEPARTURES: Mr. G. W. Bots, Netherlands Minister, on short home leave; Mr. Zvi Lourie, member of the Jewish Agency Executive in New York, returning home after a short visit (by SWISSAIR).

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The American Consul-General in Jerusalem and Mrs. Cole visited the studio of Mr. Jacob Pins, the artist, on Monday. Mr. Pins is currently exhibiting woodcuts at the National Museum in Washington, D.C.

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The members of Udarnik, the visiting Bulgarian soccer team were received on Monday by Mr. M. Namir, Secretary-General of the Histadrut. They are due to leave on Thursday.

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Tomorrow's meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, to be held at ZOA House at 1.15 p.m. will be devoted to U.N. week and international fellowship. The USOM directorate will present "a programme on international goodwill in action."

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Mr. J. Gerson is to address the Haifa Rotary Club today on "Problems of Classification in Rotary."

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Mr. Menahem Pressler is to give a farewell recital in aid of the children's homes of Omen, Mizrahi Women's Organization, at the Ohel Shem Hall, Tel Aviv, at 8.30 this evening.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Sa'ad Aid Association will be held on Monday, October 25, at the offices of the Association, 14 Rehov Balfour, Jerusalem. All members are invited.

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OBITUARY

RICHARD KAUFMANN

The death of Richard Kaufmann, architect, took place in Tel Aviv on Monday, October 18, at the age of 68. He is survived by his daughters, Mrs. Simha Bengis and Mrs. Mirjam Apelbom. The funeral procession will leave the Danziger Hospital, Rehov Grusenberg, Tel Aviv, at 11.15 this morning.

Dancing in Deganla

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — The second District Folk Dancing convention, organized by the Histadrut Cultural Centre to mark the tenth anniversary of the Dalia folk dancing festival, was held in Degania Aleph today.

Sixteen troupes from the Northern area, numbering 300 boys and girls, including one organized from among immigrant settlements in Western Galilee, and groups of Nahal and Gadna dancers took part. The best groups were chosen to appear at the Zemah amphitheatre later tonight. The convention aimed at preparing the troupes for the next Dalia festival to be held next year.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Meeting:—
Hitahdut Olei Britannia, Jerusalem Branch, Hoger Iyun of U.N.P. Building (opposite Jewish Agency), 8 p.m.

★ Exhibitions:—
Paintings by Kurt Stager and "Autumn Exhibition" of Jerusalem Artists, Artists' House, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.
"Landscape painting from the Baroque to our Day." Three Parisian ateliers, Exhibit of the month; Still Life "The Breakfast Table" by Abraham van Beyaren, Bezalel Museum, 9-1, 3-6.
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.
Department of Antiquities' special exhibitions: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the southshore of Makmish (XVIIIth-XVIth centuries B.C.E.), 24 Rehov Shlonio Hamalech. Open 9-1, 4-6 p.m.

★ Libraries:—
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 9-1, 2-6 p.m.

★ Theatres:—
"Candida," Chamber Theatre, Edison, 9 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Theatre:—
"Pygmalion" Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions:—
Watercolours & Woodcuts by Mordechai Avniel, Artists' Pavilion, 99 Hadarot U.N.O. 10-1, 4-7 p.m.

NATANYA

★ Theatre:—
Do-Re-Mi, "Shira," the Garden Friends', Theron Hall, 8.30 p.m.

NAHARIA

★ Cinema:—
Orpen Florida, 4.30 and 8.30 p.m.

99.3% for E. German N'tl Front

BERLIN, Tuesday (Reuter).—The Communist-led National Front received 99.3% of the votes cast in Sunday's East German general elections, East Berlin radio announced yesterday.

More than a quarter of a million East Germans abstained, returned invalid votes or voted "no" to the single list of Communist-sponsored candidates, according to results announced.

East Berlin Radio said 98.4% of the 12 million people entitled to vote went to the polls. Of these 99.3% approved lists of candidates put up by the Communist dominated National Front for the National and the 14 district parliaments. The opposing votes consisted of 197,140 East Germans who ignored the poll and 82,320 whose votes were counted as invalid or against the Front. The figures issued did not distinguish between invalid and opposing votes.

The non-conformists exceeded by more than 50,000 a similar group in the last general election in 1950.

In East Berlin's simultaneous election of a new city parliament there were more than 36,000 abstentions and anti-Communist votes among the 895,345 voters who went to the polls.

The elections were held to fill 400 places in the Volkskammer (Lower House of Parliament) and 2,000 seats in 14 district parliaments.

In West Berlin yesterday it was reported that Hans Mueller, Liberal Democratic member of the East German Volkskammer, fled to West Berlin last Saturday on the eve of the general elections. Mueller was departmental chief for economic politics at his party headquarters. He had not been put up as a candidate in the elections.

Another refugee was Hans Hermann Kreibig, official of the Christian Democratic Party at Rostock on the Baltic.

Meanwhile, it was announced yesterday that all German prisoners convicted by Soviet courts and serving their sentences in East Germany will be handed over to the East German Government by the Soviet authorities.

The announcement was made by the Soviet High Commissioner, Mr. Georgi Pushkin.

The transfer will affect "all German citizens who at various times were sentenced for crimes against the Soviet occupation power in Germany."

The number of prisoners affected was unofficially estimated at 10,000 including 1,000 West Germans.

Foreign Cigarette Sales Drop 50%

The sale of American and English cigarettes has gone down by half in tourist hotels and restaurants following the introduction, a month ago, of Ministry of Finance regulations which make foreign cigarettes purchasable in Israel currency only, and a simultaneous increase in their import duty, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Until the new regulations were introduced a package of Lucky Strikes, Chesterfields or Camels, which sell in the U.S. for 22-25 cents, cost tourists 45 cents. The new price, following the increase of the duty from IL.12.8 to IL.30 per kilo, is now IL.1.300 (the equivalent of 77 cents).

Enquiries at a number of hotels in Jerusalem revealed that sales are down by 50 per cent and the measures were described as "quite a blow for tourists." English cigarettes, which even before the new prices were introduced, were more expensive here than anywhere else in the world, except the U.K. are barely selling at all now at IL.1.300. During the transition period, stocks were frozen for almost a month by order of the Treasury and tourists were obliged to experiment with local brands.

No comment from Ministry of Finance sources was obtainable yesterday, but it is believed that the decision to sell imported cigarettes for Israel currency was taken in an attempt to break the black market in foreign cigarettes. Some 60,000-70,000 imported cigarettes were sold through official channels last year, a wholesaler estimated yesterday, while the amount of smuggled cigarettes sold was much higher.

Maccabi Leaving For Britain Today

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Israel's Maccabi soccer team is due to leave by El Al tomorrow morning for a series of four games in Great Britain. It was announced here today.

They are to play against Arsenal on October 26, and three days later will meet Wolverhampton Wanderers. On November 3, Maccabi is to be matched against Notts County. Their last scheduled match is versus Hull City on November 6.

The selected team numbers 14 men, most of them from Tel Aviv: Dandori, Buck, Schnour, Ben Dror, El Malah, Turiks, Shtelmeister, Rosnik, Yisraeli, Goldstein, Glaser, Mirimovitz, Studinsky, Speigel, Hardy, and Hallbner. Some of them may not be able to leave at the last moment for personal reasons.

FRIENDLY GAMES

The results of yesterday's friendly games were: Tel Aviv Maccabi Petah Tikva Maccabi 3:1, Petah Tikva Hapoel Kfar Saba Hapoel, 1:1.

Sweden Beats Denmark

STOCKHOLM (UP). — Sweden beat Denmark 5-2 here in an international soccer match before 38,700 fans. The half-time score was 4-2. Thus Sweden equalised the standing in international rivalry between the two countries since the Danish-Swedish duels started in 1912. 34 victories each. Seven games have ended in a draw.

SWEDE TOPS MARK

BUDAPEST (Reuter). — Bjoern Thofelt, Sweden, won the world modern pentahlon for individuals here. Hungary won the team championship.

From the Sports World

RIO DE JANEIRO (UP). — Two thousand men are working around the clock to get the "Little Maracana" basketball stadium, the world's largest in shape by Friday, when the second world amateur basketball championship begins here.

A total of 12 teams, including Brazil's, are playing. "Little Maracana" has an estimated seating capacity of 35,000. Workmen are currently stripping off the stadium's coccoa of wooden frames into which tons of cement were poured to create the domed oval structure which houses the playing court.

Inaugural ceremonies are set for Friday when the visiting delegations will be presented and probably the first game will be played. A tentative schedule of 36 games has been drawn up but it awaits the approval of William Jones, Secretary of the International Federation of Basketball Associations.

The schedule is based on the Olympic formula except that the first round of play begins with four groups of three teams instead of four teams. The semi-finals and the final are on an elimination basis. But the elimination and the quarter-final rounds are round robin with each team playing all other teams in its group and classifying on the basis of two points for the winner, one for the loser, and nothing in case of forfeit.

YUGOSLAV SOCCER

SARAJEVO, Tuesday (UP). — Yugoslavia swamped Turkey by five goals to one in an international football match here on Sunday.

Yugoslavia led 2-0 at the interval.

Hero of the day was Yugoslavia's center forward, Bobek, who scored three of his team's five goals, two of them only two minutes apart near the end of the first half. The other two were made by young newcomers, left-winger Pasic and inside right Markovic.

SWEDISH MISS

SPLIT (Yugoslavia) (UP). — Sweden's Miss Guldbrandsen took the women's singles final of the international open lawn tennis championships here by beating American Baba Lewis in the final, 6-1, 6-1. Twenty-eight players from eight countries took part in the championships, one of the biggest held in Yugoslavia.

BOBO DEFENDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday (UP) — Carl (Bobo) Olson, world middle-weight champion, will defend his title against Philadelphia's Joey Giardello in a 15-round bout at the San Francisco Cow Palace on Dec. 13, it was announced here.

Olson has not fought since he successfully defended his title against Rocky Castellani in July. However, he has been keeping in shape all through the summer months and is expected to have no trouble making the weight limit.

Giardello has become the "darling" of TV fans for a recently-found slugging technique that has vaulted him past all the other contenders in the race to get a crack at Olson's crown.

ITALIAN FENCER

ZURICH, (UP). — Franco Bertinetti, of Italy, outfenced 128 competitors from eight countries to win the Epee d'Or fencing tournament here. Bertinetti, winning six victories in the final round, was followed into second place by Guy Delaunois of Belgium, also with six victories.

'Y' Ground Will Accommodate 8,000

In anticipation of the larger crowds that will flock to football matches this season, with Jerusalem Betar as the first team from the Capital to compete in the First League of the Israel Football Association matches for many years, the Y.M.C.A. has started enlarging the accommodation of their ground, so that eventually it will be able to house between 7,000 to 8,000 spectators, making it one of the largest arenas in the country.

Work is proceeding under the direction of Mr. Raffoul Ghawi, the Building Superintendent of the "Y", with staff workmen. So far a new row of benches surrounds three sides of the ground which will allow about 1,000 more spectators seating room, while a fence is in the process of being completed which will entirely surround the playing pitch.

Future plans include enlarging the existing stand and the erection of new stands at both ends of the field. The possibility of overlaying the present sandy surface of the actual playing pitch with turf will be considered later.

Good Facilities

The Y.M.C.A. facilities of open air field and running track, the indoor basketball and gymnastics hall and the fine swimming pool have done much to contribute to the sporting life, and particularly to the revival and expansion in recent years of Jerusalem's sporting life.

The improvements being made now to the outdoor field and track will create an arena worthy of the Capital and its sports enthusiasts, and reflects much credit upon the community-mindedness and helpfulness of Mr. Leslie A. Putnam, the Secretary-General of the Y.M.C.A.

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Due to the moving, the Institute's offices will remain closed all day today.

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TEL AVIV: Tel Aviv physicians.

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JERUSALEM CINEMAS

Today at 3, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Adventures of Robinson Crusoe.
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EDISON: "I Figli di Nessuno," 4th week.
ORZIL: I Confess.
ORION: The Queen of Sheba. 2nd week.
ORNA: "Fruit Defends," 2nd week.
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Austrian Moderates Gain In Provincial Elections

VIENNA, Tuesday (Reuter). — Austria's two main moderate parties—the right-wing People's Party and the left-wing Socialists — have both strengthened their positions in elections held yesterday in four of the country's nine provinces.

The right- and left-wing extremists lost considerable ground against the two main parties which have formed the Federal Government coalition since 1945.

Tunisian Rebels Free Italian Farmer

TUNIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Tunisian armed rebels today released an Italian farmer, Mr. Romeo Messa, whom they had kidnapped on Sunday night in western Tunisia.

Mr. Messa told French officials the rebels, known as "fellaghas," had taken him to their nearby mountain headquarters. He had seen about 50 men wearing khaki battledress blouses with a red crescent as their insignia. The rebels released the farmer after he had told them where to find his two rifles and a revolver.

US Asylum Asked For 23 Polish Crewmen

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The State Department has asked the Justice Department to grant sanctuary in the U.S. to 23 Polish sailors now in Formosa who renounced their homeland, a State Department official said on Sunday.

The 23 Poles were crewmen aboard two ships seized by the Nationalists—the freighter President Gottwald, taken into custody last May 13, and the tanker Praca, seized on October 5, 1953. The seamen were granted political asylum in Formosa after they renounced their homeland.

GIFTS TO H.U.

Large contributions towards the Hebrew University's Building Fund were pledged at a national planning conference of the American Friends of the Hebrew University held at Princeton last month, when a $10m. quota was adopted. The contributions include the following: $100,000 from Dr. George S. Wise, President of the American Friends of the Hebrew University and Chairman of the University's Board of Governors; $50,000 from Mr. Charles Krown, a Vice-President of the American Friends and President of the Los Angeles Chapter; $25,000 from Mr. Daniel G. Ross and $10,000 from Professor J. M. Kosoff, both Vice-Presidents of the American Friends; $10,000 from Mr. James Marshall, Chairman of the Board of the American Friends (in addition to $30,000 for the Group Dynamics Programme he has inaugurated at the University); $15,000 from Mr. Fryer of Los Angeles; $7,500 from Mr. Irving Warshaw, Treasurer of the American Friends; $10,000 from Mr. Philip Whitman, $7,500 from Mr. Sundel Doniger; and $5,000 from Mrs. B. A. Goodman, all members of the Board of Directors of the American Friends; $5,000 from Mrs. Louis S. Gimbel Jr., Chairman of the New York Chapter of the American Friends and $10,000 from Mr. Myer, of Cleveland.

Man Who Saved Hitler Dies from Injuries

HAMBURG, Germany, Tuesday (UP). — Ten years ago a clique of anti-Nazis planted a bomb in Adolf Hitler's Berlin headquarters in a plot to kill him.

An unwitting German naval captain, Heine Assmann, stepped between Hitler and the bomb — hidden beneath a desk — at the moment of the explosion. His body shielded the Nazi leader. Assmann lost one leg and one hand and suffered numerous other injuries. Hamburg Hospital has announced that Assman died last week-end from injuries to his spinal cord suffered in the blast.

Finnish Government Crisis Solved

HELSINKI, Tuesday (Reuter).—Finland's government crisis was solved today when the leaders of the local Democrat and Agrarian parties agreed on a joint plan to cut the high cost of living.

The leaders said today they could not disclose the details of their joint compromise plan, drawn up in late night discussions, until it had been presented to President Juho Paasikivi. Members of both parties believed the President would offer the post of Prime Minister to Mr. Urho Kekkonen, an Agrarian and Premier in earlier governments.

More, Uniform Books Needed in Schools

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—Uniformity in schoolbooks, and more of them, are important for the success of State education. This was stressed by speakers at the Teachers' Conference which ended here yesterday. Some speakers deplored the fact that so little attention is paid to the arts.

The major part of the new curriculum for State schools — that of the last four grades — is due to be published in about two months. The new curriculum will emphasize applied science rather than theory, and this country's recent history.

Post-Graduates Meet on Cancer

The paramount importance of early detection in the fight against cancer was emphasized in the first post-graduate symposium of the Israel Cancer Association, held last week in the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, Jerusalem.

Omnirange at Lydda

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — A very high frequency Omnirange air navigational aid, the only one of its kind in the Middle East, was installed in the airport here recently by the Electronics Division of the Civil Aviation Department under the direction of Mr. M. Balter, to facilitate the approach and landing of aircraft in bad weather conditions.

The station, which will operate 24 hours a day, sending the Lydda signal every three minutes, can be received at a distance of 180 kilometres. Mr. T. Olson, a radio expert of the Civil Aeronautics Administration in the U.S., has arrived here at the invitation of the Civil Aviation Department to check the station in operation. Experimental tests are to start tomorrow.

PROFESSORS NAMED TO T.A. UNIVERSITY

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—Professor Israel Efrat, of the Hunter and Dropsie colleges in the U.S., has been appointed Dean of the Institute of Jewish studies of the proposed Tel Aviv University and Lecturer in Modern Hebrew Litarature and Jewish Philosophy in the Middle Ages.

Professor Louis Silverton, of Dartmouth University, New Hampshire, U.S., has been appointed to the Mathematics chair of the Biological Institute. This was announced on Sunday by the Municipality, which is sponsoring the University.

Dr. A. Hochmann, head of the Radium Institute, lectured on the increased chances of cure resulting from prompt diagnosis of the growth. Professor A. Wertheimer, Dean of the Medical Faculty, also dwelt on this theme when he inaugurated the symposium.

Cancer now holds the second place as cause of human mortality, after heart disease, noted Dr. W. Abeles, head of Kupat Holim in Jerusalem. A general impression that cancer incidence is higher may be attributed to the greater efficiency of detecting cases, said Dr. Abeles. He, too, laid stress on the clinical examination of suspected cases, and asked physicians to be "cancer-conscious."

Various sessions of the symposium were devoted to current cancer research, new methods in surgical treatment, the latest uses of radiology and hormone treatment in combating the disease. The three-day symposium ended with discussion of the public health aspect of cancer. Dr. B. Pitskin of Malben spoke on rehabilitation, and Dr. R. Steinitz on awakening the public to safety measures which can reduce the death-toll.

'Poor Work Delays Dam'

It is unlikely that the Ein Karem dam, in the Jerusalem Corridor, will be completed before the winter rains, Mr. Avraham Doron, Tahal engineer in charge of the project, said yesterday. At present one shift of 50 men was working and it would take them about 40 days to finish. If sufficient cement is forthcoming, two shifts could be employed, thus halving the time required. The dam is expected to hold back 1.1 million cubic metres of water in its first stage. Later additions can double and triple its capacity.

Commenting on the work, Mr. Doron said, "We accept much too easily the claim that local firms do not have sufficient experience to do more than muddle their way through large projects. This is only an excuse for substandard work."

He charged that Solel Boneh, the contractors, had exploited changes in the original plan for the dam to press for "inflated price increases". On August 1, his firm had asked Solel Boneh, to start two shifts so the dam could be completed by October 1. After an agreement was reached on price increases at the end of September, work output increased 40 per cent although work conditions worsened.

Mr. Doron stated that the original cost of the dam was set at IL.700,000, but that it would really cost IL.1,700,000. About IL.500,000 of this increase was justified, since the changed plan called for using about 50 per cent more cement. Also, about IL.80,000 was needed for deeper excavations and IL.20,000 for maintaining the labour force and staff. Incidentals took smaller sums.

This left about IL.800,000 which was wasted by "faulty attention to work", wasting time and poor on-the-spot planning, Mr. Doron charged.

Israel 'Not Guilty' Of Poor Food Show

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Mr. Moshe Bejerano, Chairman of the Israel Committee for Fairs and Exhibitions, told *The Jerusalem Post* today that neither the Committee nor any other official or public body in Israel had participated in, or given its consent to the Israel Pavilion in the Food Fair in London last month.

The statement followed recent criticism levelled by Mr. Ezra Ichilov, M.K. who stated that the Israel Pavilion was the poorest of all there and was not representative of this country.

It is understood that the Pavilion was arranged by a Jewish body or bodies in London.

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	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	90	17	27	25
Tiberias	83	20	30	28
Haifa Port	70	19	24	26
Netanya	82	17	26	27
Tel Aviv Port	79	19	26	26
Lydda Airport	84	13	28	27
Jerusalem	73	13	27	26
Beersheba	48	12	29	27
Eilat	89	18	33	30

FORECAST: Variable clouds.

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp C) Maxim yesterday D) Maximum temp expected today

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70 IMMIGRANTS, including 64 from the Yemen and six former residents of Aden, arrived by El Al via Cyprus on Sunday night, and were taken to their new homes in Eshtaol, in the Jerusalem Corridor.

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72 TONS of groundnuts were shipped to Holland in the s.s. Becky from Haifa on Sunday.

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THE FORTNIGHTLY convoy went up to Mount Scopus on Monday, accompanied by 15 scientists of the Hebrew University and Hadassah.

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A COLLECTIVE wage agreement for the weaving industry was signed last week between the Manufacturers' Association and the Histadrut, fixing uniform wages and social conditions in the industry for the first time.

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FALLING FROM a gatepost in Jaffa on Sunday, seven-year-old Yosef Ridelman, of Haifa, dragged the cement pillar with him, crushing his leg. The boy, who was visiting his uncle at the time, was taken to the Dorsolo Hospital in Jaffa, where his leg was amputated.

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FOR STEALING 15 kilograms of margarine from a truck in Tel Aviv's Allya market on October 8, Nahum Mizrahi, 20, of Haifa was sentenced to one year in prison by the Tel Aviv Magistrate on Monday. The margarine belonged to Izhak Gifongel, of Tel Aviv.

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FOR DRAWING a knife and threatening to stab his father if he would not give him money, a youngster aged 17, of the veterans' housing in Holon, was detained on Monday ... Another resident of Holon was also detained for pulling out a knife and threatening to murder his wife if she would not agree to divorce him.

Second Car Assembly Plant Next January

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Israel's second automobile assembly plant is to go into operation next January, when Mifalei Automobilim Limited will begin to turn out trucks on the moving belt system at a rate of up to 2,000 a year.

The new company is financed entirely locally. The plant will be flexible and will assemble trucks of various makes and models according to demand. A number of parts will be of local manufacture, they include tires, batteries, petrol tanks, mufflers, other chassis components, safety glass and upholstery.

The bulk of the output will be exported and a substantial number of trucks and buses have already been sold in advance. The potential demand is larger than the projected plant's capacity, but export possibilities are limited by the ability of the purchasing countries to supply in return goods of interest to Israel.

The plant, to be located in Haifa, will employ about 100 unskilled metal workers supervised by a cadre of trained assembly foremen. Its financial prospects are described as highly promising for the Israel economy, and a considerable added value on the finished product is anticipated. The labour element by far exceeds the foreign exchange cost of the parts in certain types of trucks and buses. The bus bodies will be built by Ha'argaz and Magen Chatwood.

SHOT IN QUARREL

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Marcelle Chayon, 17, of the Beit Hahalutzot in Rehov Caesarea, was shot allegedly by an airman in the course of a quarrel last night. She was taken to the Rambam Hospital where her condition is reported as not serious. The airman, Henri Marcelle, 21 of Zichron Ya'acov, was arrested.

KILLED IN FALL

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Fahim Nasser, 14, lost his life when he fell off the roof of his house while practising weight lifting, at 10:30 this morning. He died later in the Rothschild Hospital.

IL.3,760 STOLEN IN ONE NIGHT

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.— Jewellery and cash totalling IL3,760 were stolen in three thefts here on Sunday night. Burglars who used matches while rummaging in a closet, set fire to the apartment of Nissim Pinhas in Rehov Hahotrim in Yad Eliyahu. The damage was estimated at IL.300, while the stolen jewels were valued at IL.60.

Thieves took jewellery valued at IL.1,500 from the apartment of Miss Teresa Dallo, a clerk in the American Embassy, in 63 Rehov Masaryk; IL.700 in cash and IL.1,500 in jewellery were stolen from the apartment of Mr. Moshe Bar in 26 Rehov Amsterdam.

RATION NEWS

TEL AVIV AND SOUTH: Bananas: 500 gms. on Alegra cards. Mem Alegra cl. Mast: 500 gms. fresh meat in South, 170 gms. tinned meat in Tel Aviv, Mem 20, temp. 29 Invalids: 500 gms. Bet Olmei H.

P.M. Orders 'Tax Suicide' Inquiry

The Prime Minister has appointed a special committee to investigate the activities of the Income Tax authorities concerning Israel Sinai, who left a note attributing his suicide to the burden of taxes.

The committee consists of Supreme Court Justice A. Vitkon (Chairman), Mr. M. Ellachar and Mr. H. Frongold.

Persons wishing to give oral or written testimony in connection with this matter should contact the chairman of the committee at the Supreme Court Secretariat this week. The committee will hold its first meeting on Sunday.

Tax Stay in Ashkelon

MIGDAL ASHKELON, Tuesday. — The Income Tax Commissioner has agreed to suspend for 10 days execution actions against local merchants with debts, the local Merchants Association announced here yesterday.

Representatives of local merchants are to be received by the Commissioner in Jerusalem within the next 10 days to discuss their claims that high income tax is undermining their business. *(Tilm.)*

Rami Rosenberg C'ttee Questions Instructors

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT, Tuesday. — The five-man committee inquiring into the circumstances of the death of Rami Rosenberg called on citizens to volunteer all information on hooliganism in this town, when it held its first session yesterday. The chairman of the Commission is Mr. M. Bar-Illai, a Town Councillor. One other member is also a councillor, the other three being parents.

The committee questioned two youth movement instructors and will continue to hear other instructors tomorrow. They are expected to hear delinquent youngsters.

A petition to free four of the 11 boys detained on Sunday on suspicion of being responsible for the murder of Rami Rosenberg was entered in the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday, by their lawyer Mr. M. Chizman. The Court is to hear the request on Friday.

Mr. Amos Ben Gurion, the Acting Inspector General of Police, visited the local police yesterday to follow closely the Rami Rosenberg investigation.

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Mrs. Weizmann Back From Soviet Union

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday.— Mrs. Chaim Weizmann, widow of the First President, returned by El Al yesterday morning after an absence of five-and-a-half months during which she visited Latin America, France and the Soviet Union. She looked well and not fatigued by her long trip.

Most of her three weeks in the Soviet Union were spent in Moscow and Leningrad, touring in a private capacity without any official contact with Soviet officials. A dinner in her honour was given in Moscow by the Israel Ambassador, Dr. S. Eliashiv. It was attended by members of the Diplomatic Corps in the Soviet capital and the Chief of Protocol of the Soviet Foreign Ministry. Mrs. Weizmann visited neither her own birthplace nor that of Chaim Weizmann.

Before going to the Soviet Union, Mrs. Weizmann spent six weeks with her sister in France; she had previously visited Latin America on behalf of the U.J.A. and the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Mrs. Weizmann, who was accompanied by her private secretary, Miss Sara Horowitz, was met at the airport by Mrs. Zippora Sharett, Miss Anna Weizmann and Mrs. Hanna Lichtenstein, the late President's sisters; Sgan-Aluf Y. Carmel, representing the President; Mr. S. Sharef, Mr. T. Kollek and Dr. M. Simon, on behalf of the Government; and Mr. B. Nuriel, keeper of the Weizmann Archives. *(Tilm.)*

Month of Festivals Closes With Dancing to Honour the Torah

Jerusalem Post Staff

The children of Mea Shearim and the Bokharian quarter, in Jerusalem, enjoyed a double Rejoicing of the Law this year, for last night as well as the festival eve was given over to dancing and chanting with the sumptuous scrolls borne shoulder-high round the synagogues.

Bokharians in multicoloured finery, last night intoned the beginning of Genesis, and, with the bells on the Scrolls of the Law, jingling merrily, each set of worshippers from a dozen small synagogues paraded in satin robes to their Rabbi's home. Until late in the evening, the alleys of the quarter rocked with Oriental song.

Monday being warm for Jerusalem, most of the Mea Shearim rejoicers were forced to doff their fur hats, in order to continue dancing and singing around a crowded synagogue. There seemed to be more tourists and foreign students than Jerusalemites in the dark alleys of Sha'arei Hessed and Geula.

In the Yeshurun Synagogue, yesterday, the Chief Rabbi, Dr. I. H. Herzog, recited a special prayer for the welfare of the imprisoned crew of the Israel vessel, Bat Galim, and for those persecuted everywhere for being Zionists.

There was one tragedy in the Capital, a fire, originated from an electric short circuit, destroyed three Scrolls of the Law in the synagogue of the Hayei Olam Yeshiva. The Ark and reading stand were also damaged.

Sharett in T.A.

In Tel Aviv a crowd of about 5,000 last night filled Rehov Emek Yisrael, in the heart of the Florentine Quarter where, under the leadership of Rabbi Y. Frankel, they danced with Scrolls of the Law. The Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, who came to see the celebrations, spoke from the balcony of a house, saying, he was glad that so many persons had come to pay respect to the Torah, which had been the major factor through the ages in keeping the Jews together. He lauded Tel Aviv's outlying quarters for their brave stand during the War of Liberation and expressed the hope that the barriers existing between the various communities in the State would soon disappear.

Following the prayers and the capering around dozens of Scrolls of the Law brought from surrounding synagogues, spontaneously the crowd began dancing.

Rejoicing of the Law celebrations also took place in the Knesset Garden in Ramat Gan, outside the town's main synagogue. Mr. S.Z. Kahana, Director General of the Ministry For Religious Affairs, addressed the gathering.

Haifa Sea Day

In Haifa, hundreds of Histadrut members, and many of their children, celebrated Simhat Torah as guests of the Fishing Fleet as part of Sea Day, organized by the Labour Council, yesterday. The holiday makers converged on the Kishon Harbour by special transport in the morning and found most of the fishing fleet tied up along the usually deserted quay, the boats gaily decorated with bunting and red flags.

They embarked on about a dozen trawlers, on harbour tugs, launches and barges, towed by tugs, which sailed out into the bay where naval frigates were riding at anchor. The happy convoy made the traditional Simhat Torah *hakafot* around the war ships to the special enjoyment of the children, many of whom were dressed in sailor suits.

A message of greeting to the imprisoned Bat Galim crew was read and cheered. The Hapoel band on one of the barges supplied the music.

Meanwhile, in many Haifa streets, Orthodox residents staged the traditional dances with Scrolls of the Law.

In the afternoon, 2,800 persons flocked to the Municipal Stadium to watch Hapoel and Trade Union sportsmen show their prowess at athletics and football. Some 600 boys and girls of Haifa District Hapoel branches gave a precision physical training exhibition while the Sokol Boneh Football Selected beat the Industry Selected 2-0.

Jolly Safad

Safad was agog with jollity yesterday, and *Hasidim* from Mitzbelaach danced in the streets while many worshippers went from synagogue to synagogue to multiply their celebrations.

In the synagogue of Rabbi Yuzel Banah, the Sephardi Haham, Rabbi Shimon Harus, sang acrostics while the congregation joined in the choruses. Gaily decorated Torah Scrolls were carried in dances by the zealous congregation.

In the Labour Council courtyard, immigrants from the *ma'abarot* and veteran residents joined in hearty celebration. Mr. Shlomo Shoshan, a newcomer, said in a simple speech "Every country banishes us, but this is our State and we must look after it. When I arrived, I was lonely; now I have many friends and brothers". The crowd then danced lustily—some of them on the tables.

On the occasion of the second *Hakafot* celebrations, the Chief Chaplain, Aluf-Mishne Shlomo Goren, who participated in the festivities at a Defence Forces base last night said that the second Simhat Torah celebrations serve as a bond with the Jewish communities abroad, since the holiday in the Diaspora is held for two days.

HIGH HOLIDAY BONDS

NEW YORK, Tuesday (JNA).— More than $8,300,000 worth of Israel Development Bonds were sold during the High Holiday services at some 200 synagogues, according to totals received to date.

Raymond Hare Heads U.S. Foreign Service

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today named Mr. Raymond A. Hare to be the new Director-General of the Foreign Service. Mr. Hare, a career foreign service officer, recently was Ambassador to the Lebanon; before that he served as U.S. envoy to Saudi Arabia and the Yemen.

Ministry Denies Egg 'Juggling'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The September egg ration was no lower than that of any previous September, when production is always low, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* on Monday. He was referring to allegations that the Government's "juggling" between rationed and free market eggs had led to the shortage.

Quoting figures to support the Ministry's claim, the spokesman said that it had not been possible to give more than nine eggs on the ration, though Ministry sources had hoped to allocate 11. Monthly allocations during the past three years had been as follows:

	1952	1953	1954
August	9	9	11
September	8	10	9

The fact that only three rations had been distributed was irrelevant, the spokesman said, since the rations were based on a monthly total and not on the size of each distribution. A comparison of the total allocation for the January-September period of each year shows that the ration had, in fact, been increased this year: 110 eggs were allocated in this period in 1952, 114 in 1953 and 117 in 1954.

It is hoped to make 11 eggs available on the October ration, the spokesman added.

20% on Free Market

Since September 15, the Food Controller has permitted 20 per cent of all eggs over the monthly mark of 20 million to be sold on the "free" market. According to the Ministry spokesman, this measure was designed to ensure a minimum ration, but Tnuva sources in Haifa maintain that it was the result of pressure on the Government by farmers who demanded some compensation in view of the 25 per cent increase in the price of feed introduced in August. The increase had resulted in an estimated 12.13 pruta increase in the price of an egg.

This agreement, it is claimed, is in accordance with the Government's policy of keeping the C-o-L Index down to an illusory low level by permitting the public to buy goods at higher prices on the "free" market which does not affect the Index.

Tnuva sold 14 million rationed eggs throughout the country during September, compared with 18 million in the same month last year. Tnuva sources advocated the de-rationing of eggs, or at least a drastic reduction in the number delivered at the official price.

'ASKAR' CHARGES REBUTTED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

During this year, the Askar paint factory has received import licences for raw material to the value of $42,000 but as yet has utilised only $14,000 worth, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman announced on Friday, in answer to charges made by the company alleging unwarrantable delay in the granting of licences. Since August, an additional $30,000 worth of licences had been requested by the company.

Out of a total of $336,000 worth of paint exported this year by three companies, including Askar, they were responsible for only $7,000, the spokesman said. They claimed in addition that they had orders from Turkey worth $14,000.

Delays were due to the uncooperative attitude of the company in supplying essential information required by the Ministry with regard to their requests, the spokesman concluded.

Hostility Harms Our Development : Sprinzak

REHOVOT, Tuesday. — "Our political situation has worsened of late in the wake of a hostile atmosphere which has settled on the international scene, and we are faced with serious obstacles in the way of the fulfilment of various internal political plans," the Knesset Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak said at a public meeting in Beit Berl here, commemorating the jubilee of the Second Aliya.

Mr. Yosef Weitz, Director of the Jewish National Fund's Resettlement Department, told the meeting that only 10 per cent of all Second Aliya immigrants have remained in the country. The others had emigrated, many of them during the First World War.

Mr. Yona Kesse, M.K. also addressed the meeting, which was attended by about 2,000 persons.

This town was once a centre for the thousands of Second Aliya immigrants, many of whom had become important public figures in all walks of life in this country.

IL.192,000 CLAIMED FOR TWO DEATHS

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Hearings began in the District Court here yesterday of claims for IL.192,000 damages from the Arye taxi company and kvutzat Eres by the widows of two men who were killed in a road accident on November 11, 1953.

Mrs. Menahem Kaptolnik, on behalf of herself and two daughters, is demanding IL.-80,000, and Mrs. Reuven Nivelsky, on behalf of herself and her daughter, IL.72,000.

The two plaintiffs claim that the drivers of the Arye taxi and the Egged truck were both responsible for the collision in which their husbands were killed. *(Hirn.)*

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'SAUCER' WAS PROBABLY METEOR

Holiday crowds gazed into the sky at 8.30 last night in search of flying saucers after a brilliant band of light had appeared overhead for a few seconds. It was probably a meteor.

The fullest account was given by two men, one an Army officer, who were walking toward the Armon bus stop, near Talpiot. The officer said they were walking along a rough path and watching the ground, when everything was suddenly lit up by a bright glare.

He looked up and saw a broad band of very bright light overhead, perhaps 300 metres long, travelling rapidly in the direction of the Old City.

"It was something like a rocket, but much faster and brighter." Four seconds later the light faded and he could see smoke against the low clouds lit up by the reflected light from the city.

The light looked yellowish to him: his friend said it was bluish. A moment later they saw a falling star that was faint by comparison. They did not think it was a saucer, but they had never seen anything like it before.

Very similar accounts of the phenomenon were given by people who saw the light in Geula and Jaffa Road, where the light looked green. Everywhere there was talk of saucers, but nobody seemed worried.

A scientist told *The Jerusalem Post* latter that the description corresponded closely to that of the glowing trail of a large meteorite (falling star), known as a fireball. Fireballs are so brilliant at sometimes to be clearly visible even in daytime and they occasionally leave a trail of smoke. Large meteorites may not be wholly consumed and then fall to the ground as lumps of pure iron. However, although it looked near, this one may have finally dropped hundreds of miles away.

Strollers in Tel Aviv's Magrabi Square reported yesterday that they had seen an illuminated egg-shaped object in the skies at 9 o'clock in the evening.

Jerusalem Police also have a report of a bright brown object "like a flying house" that floated over Mahane Yehuda on Monday with smoke billowing from its windows. Eyewitnesses claim that it came from the direction of Ramallah, went by at a height of about a hundred metres, and was a metre-and-a-half in diameter. It disappeared rapidly over the horizon.

Kibbutz Blocks Police Chase

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday.— Members of kibbutz Shuval, in the Eastern Negev, today refused entry to the settlement area to a police patrol which wanted to follow a suspected infiltrator they had seen go into the settlement. The man was spotted as the patrol left the neighbouring encampment of Sheikh Suleiman el Huse'il on a routine visit.

The patrol returned to Beersheba and phoned the kibbutz demanding entrance, but by the time they got back to Shuval the suspect had disappeared.

Bulls from Jordan Found in Negev

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — Five Damascus bulls allegedly smuggled from Jordan were found yesterday in the possession of members of the el Tabai tribe in the Northern Negev. The animals are valued at IL.2,000. According to the tribesmen, they had strayed across the border. Two men were arrested.

Police in the south have stepped up their anti-smuggling activities lately upon receiving information that large quantities of cattle was being smuggled into the country for the festival period. Two residents of Beersheba and three Beduin were arrested on Monday following the discovery near moshav Omer of 18 goats, two sheep and a donkey which allegedly were being transported for the black market.

COUPLE RETURNED FROM LEBANON

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Lebanese authorities on Sunday returned a young couple, Raphael and Paula Doromo, both 18, former members of Sdot Yam, (near Caesarea) who crossed into the Lebanon illegally seven months ago. They were handed over to the Israel police, who will bring them before the Magistrate on a charge of illegal exit.

BIR MA'IN VICTIM BURIED IN LYDDA

RAMLE, Tuesday. — The Jordanian who was killed near Bir Ma'in last Wednesday, when he and a group of other marauders threw grenades at a group of Israel soldiers going on leave was buried yesterday in accordance with Moslem rites in the Old Moslem Cemetery in Lydda.

Jordanian authorities had refused to accept the man's body. *(Tilm.)*

ARSON CLAIMED IN AGENCY FIRE

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Arson was declared as the cause of the fire that destroyed a Jewish Agency office hut at the Sha'ar Ha'aliya camp near here on Sunday night. Two nearby huts were damaged, but the swift and energetic action of the Volunteer Fire Brigade prevented major damage. One detained suspect has been released. The police expect to make further arrests.

When the Brigade arrived at 8.30 in the afternoon the office hut was burning fiercely and flames were leaping up from two adjacent storage sheds. The fire fighters abandoned the office as beyond help and tackled the two other huts. They called in police support, more fire appliances, including one from the Port, and mobilised the immigrants living in the camp. After six hours, the fire was subdued, most of the stores having been salvaged.

London Bus Strike Ends; Dockers Out

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). —London's big bus strike which has thrown the capital's transport system into chaos for the past six days began to fizzle out today as drivers and conductors went back to work in their thousands.

But there is no sign of a break in the critical three-week-old dock strike which has spread from London to the key northwest coast port of Liverpool and shows signs of worsening.

A full-scale airlift of butter, cheese and other perishable goods is operating from Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam to London to beat the dock strike, air charter agents said today.

Eight special flights left Amsterdam for London yesterday. Four Flying Boxcars operated by a British charter company carried butter alone.

Foot-weary Londoners — forced to walk to work or fight their way into packed underground trains — welcome the return of the doubledecker buses. The 21,000 drivers and conductors have agreed to go back to work so that an official inquiry into their claims for better pay and conditions can be opened.

The strikers decided last night to start work tomorrow, but more than a third of them asked to begin today. The first session of the three-man inquiry into the dock strike opens today.

Floods in Britain

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter).— Floods caused by two days of torrential rain in the north of Britain had today cut off two big towns, isolated many villages, blocked road, rail and telephonic communications and made hundreds of families homeless.

The market town of Wigton in Cumberland has been marooned since noon yesterday.

Omagh, principal town of County Tyrone, Northern Ireland — scene of the week-end gun battle between British troops and Irish Republican extremists — was also out of touch, with hundreds of houses and shops swamped by more than one metre of water.

10 Persians Defiantly Face Firing Squad

TEHERAN, Tuesday (Reuter). —Nine Persian army officers and a civilian, accused of heading a Communist spy ring, defiantly shouted "A free nation will avenge us" as they faced a firing squad today.

The officers were the first shot in Persia since 1946.

The 10 were among 500 servicemen and civilians — including Abadan oil refinery technicians — arrested last month when police swooped on a nation-wide spy ring alleged to working for the Soviet Union.

IKE'S POLICY ADDRESS

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UP).— President Eisenhower is scheduled to make a major "non-political" policy address at the National Tercentenary dinner tomorrow, an event marking the 300th anniversary of the first Jewish immigration to America. Other speakers will be Governor Thomas Dewey and Mayor Robert Wagner.

RUMANIA WANTS TIES WITH GREECE

ATHENS, Tuesday. — Rumania has approached Greece to resume diplomatic relations, it was authoritatively stated here last night. Relations between the two countries have been interrupted since the last war.

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nicians should be civilians and objected to reactivation of the base in case of an attack upon Iran and Turkey. But they were resolved in a compromise whereby Egypt agreed to the the "attack upon Turkey" principle and Britain agreed to "civilians only."

With this compromise, the Heads of Agreement were signed on July 27, 1954, in Cairo by War Minister Anthony Head for Britain and Premier Nasser for Egypt.

British forces, swelled to nearly 70,000, began to move out shortly afterward, but under the treaty they have 20 months to complete their evacuation.

A main difficulty in the final stages of agreement was reportedly the problem of "accommodation for technicians" who will maintain the base. Final agreement was reached at a meeting with Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi last night.

The signature of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement leaves military chiefs facing two major tasks both of which must be completed by June, 1956. They are:

1) To organise the movement of about 75,000 men and half a million tons of new equipment to new bases in Cyprus, Britain and elsewhere.
2) To make new plans to defend the Middle East.

According to Major-General Richard Hull, General Officer Commanding in Egypt, the last British servicemen would be out of the zone by the end of the 20 months stipulated for the move. Already about 1,000 men have arrived in Cyprus, to where General Headquarters will be officially transferred on December 1.

In the revised strategy of Middle East defence a mobile reserve of troops will be based in Britain and air strength will be dispersed throughout the area. The £30m. base at Episcopi, on the south coast of Cyprus, will not be finished until 1959. Until Episcopi is ready, headquarters will be at Nicosia.

Only about one division of the ground forces in the zone will be redeployed in the Middle East; the rest will be based in Britain. *(UP, Reuter)*

UN Body to Draft Refugee Programme

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Social Committee of the U.N. General Assembly approved a resolution Sunday authorizing the preparation of a long-term programme for the permanent solution of the refugee problem. The vote was 44 in favour, five against (the Soviet bloc) and 10 abstentions, mainly from Middle East countries.

The resolution was proposed jointly by Australia, Belgium, Costa Rica, Ecuador, the Netherlands, Turkey and the U.S. It now goes to the Assembly, where it needs a two-thirds majority for final passage.

The abstaining countries included Egypt, Iraq, the Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria and the Yemen, who jointly offered a series of amendments to the resolution, tending to delete portions declaring that the ultimate responsibility for refugees rested with the countries of residence. But they withdrew their amendments just before the vote was taken.

Jamil Baroody, of Saudi Arabia, explained that the amendments which the six Arab countries were proposing were designed to show up an "international responsibility" towards refugees. He also pointed out that, although the resolution in no way affected the Arab refugees, there was the possibility that at some future time it might be interpreted in such a way as to prejudice the status of these refugees.

California Labour Greets Mrs. Myerson

LOS ANGELES, Tuesday (INA). A total of 150 A.F.L. and C.I.O. leaders, representing over 1,300,000 California trade unionists, gathered today to honour Mrs. Golda Myerson, Minister of Labour. Mrs. Myerson thanked the labour representatives for the moral and financial support which they had given to Israel.

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ICFTU Urges ILO to Probe Soviet Trade Unions

BRUSSELS, Tuesday (Reuter).— The 54 million strong International Confederation of Free Trade Unions today called on the International Labour Organisation to examine its complaint that Russian trade unions are merely a "part of the state apparatus."

The Confederation had lodged two similar complaints before Russia joined the I.L.O. Today it issued a report prepared at the request of the I.L.O. which contended that Russian workers are unable to set up trade union organisations of their own choice and that existing trade union organisations in the USSR are not in accordance with the principles of the I.L.O.

The Confederation case to the I.L.O. pointed out that Soviet trade unions were not free to negotiate wages and working conditions, since they were fixed by the state.

U.K., U.S. Envoys Due in 2 Weeks

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The new British Ambassador, Mr. John Walter Nicholls, is due by sea on October 31, it is learned here.

The new U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Edward B. Lawson, is due on the s.s. Messapia on November 2.

British Embassy sources here believe that Mr. Nicholls will be bringing with him instructions regarding the presentation of his credentials, a matter which has been under review at the Foreign Office.

It is unofficially believed that he will present his letters of credence to President Izhak Ben-Zvi in the President's Office in Jerusalem, but the Foreign Office is likely to stress that this does not imply Britain's official recognition of Jerusalem as the Capital.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, received Mr. George Kidd, Canada's Charge d'Affaires, a.i. to Israel who presented his credentials on Monday. This marked the official opening of the Canadian Embassy in this country.

Cables in Brief

REFUGEES. — Seventeen Yugoslav refugees (12 men and five women) landed on the Italian east coast on Monday in a sailing boat after crossing the Adriatic from a village near Bana. They asked for political asylum.

READING. — The Marquess of Reading, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, will lead the British delegation to the current U.N. 9th General Assembly in the place of Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, newly appointed Minister of Supply, it was announced in London on Monday.

PRIZE. — An unfrocked Catholic priest, Andrea Gaggero, received the Stalin Peace Prize from the Italian left-wing Socialist leader, Pietro Nenni, in Rome on Sunday. Gaggero, a war-time partisan, was unfrocked shortly after the war for continuing his association with extreme left-wing circles.

TERRORISTS. — Four special constables were killed and seven others wounded on Monday when a big Communist terrorist force attacked a police post in the Pontian area of Johore, Malaya.

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THE public will welcome the announcement that a committee has been set up to inquire into the tragic outcome of young hooliganism in Rehovot. The stabbing to death of a sixteen-year-old youth may be an indication of some slackness in the police administration of that town, and it might be expected that the inquiry will deal with this point among others. But the killing must not be taken as symptomatic of the State of Israel's youth in general, or that juvenile delinquency has reached anything like the pitch it has done in some other countries. Horrifying reports of crimes perpetrated apparently under the influence of the "comics" will come vividly to mind, including the wanton and brutal murder of transients in public parks and the like. No such manifestations have shown themselves in Israel, nor do they seem likely; but the Rehovot incident is a stern warning that this sort of thing can happen here.

REHOVOT KILLING INQUIRY

The fact that there has not been a serious outbreak of juvenile delinquency in this country is yet one more of those miracles which we have begun to accept as commonplace in the history of our society. Unemployment among youth is a serious problem; there is still a great lack of facilities for vocational training; overcrowding is the normal rather than the exceptional feature in our housing situation, and there is not enough wholesome and simply written reading matter calculated to satisfy vicariously the desire for adventure in the hearts of our juveniles.

Why then have we not had a crime wave in the same way that other countries experience which exhibit similar conditions? One of the answers is the nature of the greater majority of the youth of Israel to whom all these normal stimulants to delinquency apply. The great bulk belong to the oriental communities, and this section has one virtue which is outstanding in the influence it exercises over the younger generation. This is the patriarchal tradition. In the main, boys and girls of this community will obey their parents and cherish their customs long after children of the West will have broken away. In many senses these customs may be a barrier to progress but basically they are moral values of the simple elementary type which frown on violence and misconduct.

Another reason is the influence of great national institutions like Aliyat Hanoar and the Youth Immigrant Department of the Jewish Agency which are constantly drawing hundreds of boys and girls away from dangerous and vulnerable areas into constructive fields of life. Then there are the Working Youth activities of the Ministry of Education. Moreover, the youth movements headed by Gadna are extending their frontiers into just those areas where juvenile delinquency might be expected. Paradoxically enough, it may be the excess of autonomy enjoyed by our youth movements — so often deprecated — that may be the most potent factor in this direction since it gives young people more opportunity for a comparatively harmless disposition of excess energy.

But in spite of these factors there is still a body of youth, estimated by some social workers to number as many as forty thousand, which is outside the scope of the regenerative influence. Measures must be taken to bring them within the orbit of formative and protective guidance. What is lacking in the social structure of Israel is a keen interest by the adult non-professional public in the problems and future of the youth. There is a famine of youth leaders drawn from the ranks of younger married men and women. There are no large organizations such as are to be found in America and Britain — of the "big brother" kind — to sponsor care and interest in specific youth projects. Let us beware lest the excellence of our professional institutions cause us to forget that the welfare of the youth of the community is the common concern of every one of its members.

US School Segregation Largely Broken

Only Few Ugly Incidents Despite Wide Threats

By ALASTAIR BUCHAN

WASHINGTON, (OFNS).— LAST May, the Supreme Court of the United States handed down its famous decision declaring that the segregation of Negro and white children and students into separate schools was unconstitutional.

It was able to reach this decision only because it separated the question of principle from the question of how its ruling should be enforced in view of the intense opposition of desegregation in many of the Southern States; this second question is to be argued before the Court during its coming winter session.

The reasoning behind the Court's decision to separate the question of principle from that of its enforcement was that in any case opinion in the South was gradually turning against segregation, and that if it were declared unconstitutional, many Southern States and cities would comply with the ruling, thus demonstrating to the die-hard white elements of the Deep South how isolated they were not only from the main stream of opinion in the country as a whole but from many parts of the South as well.

In consequence, there has been particular interest in how Southern States and cities would behave when the public schools reopened in the second week of September. On the whole, their attitude has been such as to justify the Supreme Court's action. Three States on the border of the South — Arizona, New Mexico and Kansas — which previously had permitted segregation, have now banned it. Four more border States — West Virginia, Missouri, Maryland and Delaware — have started integration of white and Negro children in some schools and will make further progress as time and facilities allow. Nine of the Southern States proper have adopted a negative policy, waiting for the Supreme Court's ruling on enforcement.

Only four States of the Deep South are developing plans to evade the Court's ruling by such stratagems as calling all their public schools "private" schools or threatening to disband the public school system.

No 'Rivers of Blood'

In every place where integration has begun, the school officials have found a great many problems; but nowhere so far have the "rivers of blood," which some politicians in the Deep South prophesied, been forthcoming. Here in the District of Columbia in which Washington lies, and which practised segregation until last spring, I have been able to have a first-hand look at the problem. There are 100,000 children of school age in the District, of whom about 90,000 are negroes. This year, about 30 per cent of the pupils have been mixed and the rest will be integrated by next year. This rate is faster than that in most Southern cities, and is partly the result of the personal interest and encouragement of President Eisenhower, who has always had strong views on the subject and who brought segregation to an end in the Army.

There have been cases where white parents withdrew children from public schools and sent them to private schools, or have moved to suburbs where Negro residents are excluded, and a few instances where Negro parents have resisted sending their children to schools that were previously all white. But on the whole, integration has gone smoothly in Washington, confirming the view of most teachers and sociologists that colour prejudice is a product of the adult mind and not something that children naturally feel.

Whites 'Isolated'

Some complicated administrative problems have arisen. There is, for instance, one high school where there are three white children among 1,100 Negro children and another where there are two Negro students among 500 white ones. One of the most encouraging things about integration in Washington has been the small amount of fuss that has been aroused by the dovetailing of teachers, and the way in which white children and their parents have taken to having Negro teachers.

The population of Washington is, of course, drawn from all over the country — indeed, the world — and it is not perhaps a fair sample of other southern towns. In many places there is still hot public debate in the columns of the newspapers.

In Charlotte, North Carolina, a tobacco-marketing centre which is becoming rapidly industrialized, the principal newspaper has received a hundred letters on the subject, of which 41 upheld segregation and 30 opposed it. On the whole, it would seem that younger people in the South feel less opposed to integration than their elders.

One aspect of the debate is that the Bible is used; — as it always has been — to justify both positions. Generally the Old Testament is quoted to justify segregation, and the New to dispute it. There is, for instance, Peter's declaration in Acts X: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons."

The best comment comes from a South Carolina stockbroker who wrote: "No Christian can quietly sit by himself and successfully defend segregation as morally right. However, he can reason that sudden abolition of custom is wrong or at least will cause trouble. Then he may recall this: Christ caused trouble and that the Declaration of Independence caused trouble, too. Trouble forces the solving of our problems. Let's face the trouble."

A jeering crowd of parents and students in Baltimore demonstrate as three Negro pupils are escorted home by police.

Dentists' Delight

MANFULLY suppressing cowardly misgivings and disregarding a nervous ticking in our jaws, we entered the Hadassah Medical School in order to ascertain how the drill-wielding torturers spend their leisure. Before entering the exhibition "The Hobbies of Dentists," however, we were enthralled by other exhibits arranged for the 7th National Congress of Israel Dentists.

From richly illustrated charts we learned how right "Struwwelpeter" was when he threatened to call in the tailor with the scissors should the thumb sucker not mend his evil ways. We know what the psychoanalysts had to say about thumb-sucking. Now we learned that in about half of the cases heavy dental deformities are the result of protracted indulgence in this pastime. (In general it seems that early chain-smoking is far less harmful). Doctors find that almost 50 per cent of 700 Israel children between 6 and 14 sucked their thumbs.

Another fine exhibit is called "Orthodontics and Art." Dozens of fine photos of famous portraits, ranging from early Egypt to George Gross, show how the formation of the jaws influences facial expression.

The undisputed star of the dental hobbyists is Dr. H. C. Berendt who exhibits a series of travel-photos as good as we have seen at the recent photo exhibition. He also exhibits a competently modelled head. Two dentists, Dr. Roth and Zucker, use their bridge-work skill to fashion beautiful jewellery. Dr. Sultan conquers the air after clinic-hours by constructing model planes that are used by the Air Force.

We studied Dr. Rotberg's large collection of dental jokes, but wondered whether this kind of humour would be enjoyed by waiting-room martyrs. We thought Dr. Rosenzweig's lovely flowers were far more suitable waiting-room decoration. Dr. Landshut paints fine gouaches. Dr. Feuchtwanger, Israel's most famous dental hobbyist — he is a great collector of Judaica — exhibits some interesting prints. Readers will find a whole Bezalel Museum hall filled with a fraction of his collection.

T.A.F.M.

ADVERTISING'S ULTIMATE

The ingenuity of American salesmanship is never-ending. A Connecticut firm called Angelique and Company, which makes perfume and which last year sprayed Paris with scent from a helicopter, is planning to turn Niagara Falls red. One Saturday this autumn, when they are crowded with sightseers, it intends to dump nearly 300 kg. of carmine cosmarker dye combined with perfume in order to advertise its new "Red Satin" perfume.

(OFNS).

Egypt's Revolt (II)

By Gamal Abdul Nasser

Assassination Attempt Changed Policy

THE Second World War and the period leading up to it fired the imagination of our youth, and oriented our whole generation towards violence.

I confess — and I trust the Public Prosecutor will not take me to task — that political assassinations acted upon my excitable imagination at that period to convince me that this was the positive action we had to adopt if we were to secure the future of our country. I considered the assassination of many individuals, having decided that they constituted the main obstacle between our country and its future; I began to look into their various crimes and to take it upon myself to judge their actions and the harm resulting to the country. I would weigh them, and then pass the verdict.

I considered assassinating the King and some of his entourage who used to scoff at things we held sacred. I was not alone in thinking thus. And when I got together with others, our ideas began to be translated from thought into action. How many were the plans I made in those days, how numerous the sleepless nights spent preparing long-awaited positive actions!

Our life during that period was like an exciting detective story. We had dark secrets, and passwords; we used to lurk in the shadows; we used to collect pistols and hand-grenades, and the firing of bullets was the hope we dreamed about! We made many attempts in this direction; and I can still remember our impressions and feelings as we pressed along this path to its logical conclusion.

Turning Point

The truth is that I was not in my heart satisfied that violence was the positive action by which we were appointed to carry out the future of our country. There was in me a perplexity, a mixed confusion of the factors of nationalism and religion, faith and doubt, knowledge and ignorance. Bit by bit the thought of political assassination which had inflamed my imagination was losing its fire and its value in my eyes as the decisive instrument to effect the positive action we sought to achieve.

I remember one night which marked the turning point of my ideas and dreams on this score. We had prepared a group for action, and selected a person whom we had decided must cease to exit. We observed his habits and laid down a detailed plan. We were going to shoot him down as he returned to his home in the night.

We set up an attack group to do the shooting, a covering force to protect the attack group, and a third group to organize the getaway. The appointed night came, and I went out with the attack group.

BROTHERHOOD 'HAND IN HAND WITH ZIONISM'

LONDON (W.J.A.) — "It is no coincidence that the Moslem Brotherhood campaigns against the people's revolution in Egypt and abroad should follow the signing of the evacuation agreement together with the recurrence of Israel aggression," the Cairo daily 'Al-Gumhouriya' commented this week according to the Cairo home service. Free Egypt, on the road to industrialization, development and production, has dispelled the dream of domestic reaction and the expansionist hopes of Zionism. Reaction and Zionism were, therefore, bound to unite, and Egyptian reaction in the form of the Moslem Brotherhood arose hand in hand with international Zionism."

Everything went according to plan.

As we had anticipated, the field was clear. The squads concealed themselves in their chosen positions; and when the marked man came by, bullets were sent in his direction. The execution squad withdrew while the covering force protected its retreat and the getaway to safety began. I started the engine of my car, and drove away from the theatre of the positive action we had organized.

But suddenly, there resounded in my ear the sounds of screaming and lamentation and the wailing of a woman, the crying of a baby, and then a continuous agitated call for help.

Submerged in a host of excited impressions, I was carried swiftly away by my car. But then a strange thing happened. The sounds continued to tear at my hearing, the screams and lamentation, the wailing and the agitated calls for help. I had by this time gone farther than the sounds could possibly reach, but still they continued as if they were attached to me and chasing me.

I arrived at my house and threw myself on my bed, my mind in a furore and unceasing turmoil in my heart and conscience. The sounds of screaming and lamentation, wailing, and the calls for help continued to ring in my ears.

I didn't sleep all night. To my surprise, I found myself saying "I hope he doesn't die!" Strange. It was almost daybreak, and there I was hoping the man I'd wanted to die the evening before would live! I hurried anxiously to get a morning paper, and how glad I was that the one I'd planned to assassinate was out of danger!

From that time on, our real thinking began on something more important, more deeply rooted, and much more profound. It would have been easy at the time — and it has been easy right along — to spill the blood of ten people, or 20, or 30, and thus instil fear in many hesitant persons.

But it would be unjust to institute a rule of blood without examining the historical circumstances through which our people have passed and which have left in us all these tendencies and made of us what we are today.

Fate decreed that we should be at the crossroads of the world. Many times we have been the channel for invasion and the prize of adventures; and we have passed through so many vicissitudes that it is impossible to analyse the underlying factors in the souls of our people without giving them due respect and consideration.

Occasionally I glance at the average Egyptian family among the thousands that inhabit Cairo. The father, for example, is a turbaned peasant, coming from the heart of the land. The mother is a lady descended of Turkish stock. The sons of the family are in schools organized on the English pattern, while the daughters are in schools of the French type. All this mixed up with the spirit of the 13th century and the externals of the 20th!

I look at this, and can feel a deep understanding of the confusion we are in and of the disorder besetting us. And I say to myself: This society will crystallize, it will take hold, it will become powerful, united and homogeneous. But we must control our nerves and endure the period of transition.

Army's Role

What is our path, and what is the role of the Army in it? Our role is the role of protector only — no more, no less. Protector for a specified period, a period fixed by a limit.

I have been aware right from the start that this will never be an easy task, and that it will have to be accomplished at the expense of our popularity. It is necessary that we talk plainly and that we address ourselves to the minds of the people, whereas those who have preceded us were accustomed only to feed delusions to the people and tell the people what they wanted to hear.

(This is the second of three articles. The first appeared on October 15.)

Western Immigrants Can Be Attracted

By ELIAS M. EPSTEIN

THE examples of Western *Olim* who became *Yordim* recently cited in *The Jerusalem Post* ("Why They Left," October 1, 1954) were very representative, and provide much food for thought and action. Naturally both heredity and environment influence all people. But while there is nothing we can do about the character inherited by Western *Olim*, there is something that can be done — if we wish — about the conditions presently or potentially affecting them.

While the problem of the lack of Western Aliya has been exhaustively analyzed, we do not appear to have in Israel a clear and emphatic policy towards its solution. A large section of the population still treats the *Galut*—every land outside Israel — as so insecure for the Jews as sooner or later to become intolerable to the Jews there, so that unless they assimilate Israel alone is their salvation. This leads to a type of propaganda which is not only unrealistic but ineffectual.

There is also the view that despite the "blindness" of Jews abroad to their fate, some of them may be drawn here for specific jobs or assignments, and these should be offered to them plus concessions in respect to housing, salaries, customs, loans, etc. However, the basic cost of their migration and settlement is expected to be borne by Western *Olim* themselves. This is somewhat inconsistent, since it is generally asserted that we are in need of Western *Olim* not less (perhaps more) than others. Nevertheless Western *Aliya* is expected — by and large—to pay for itself, while other *Aliya* is — by and large — financed by the public authorities.

Dozen Different Bodies

It is on this narrow front that organized effort concerning Western *Aliya* is concentrated. A dozen different bodies are engaged in this task. They are: 1. Cabinet Committee on Western *Aliya*; 2. Its Implementation Committee; 3. Jewish Agency Anglo-Saxon Sector; 4. Council for Western Aliya; 5. Professional and Technical Workers Aliya (PATWA); 6. Israel Office of Zionist Organization of Gt. Britain; 7. Its Advisory Committee; 8. S. African Zionist Federation Israel Office; 9. Hitahdut Olei Britannia; 10. Olei America and Canada; 11. Irgun Olei Holland; 12. Western Aliya Loan Fund (of Union Bank).

The range of competence and means of these bodies varies considerably. Most exercise only advisory functions. Thus the Western Council, which itself includes representatives of the immigrant organizations, advises the Cabinet Committee on such concessions as those concerning customs and military service, which might facilitate Western Aliya. Individuals are dealt with by PATWA which endeavours to place them in positions. Part of the advice tendered warns against the prospect of unemployment and lack of housing.

So far the proportions of Western *Aliya* have been disappointing, so much so that Dr. Josephthal told the recent Annual Conference of the Hitahdut Olei Britannia that the Jewish Agency might have to withdraw some of the facilities it had offered to it, such as special housing accommodation. The same appears true of the hostels provided for the initial stage of settlement. Because of the small volume of this *Aliya* it is not deemed useful to set up a special department to deal with it, though such a department, however modest, might result in economy, and concentration of effort now dispersed. It may also be observed that unlike other *Olim* the Western settlers do not themselves participate in the organization of *Aliya* and settlement from the countries of their provenance.

Perhaps the time has now come to formulate a wider programme for Western *Aliya*, based on a broad conception of the needs of Israel, a programme that would lend itself to popular dissemination. We know that large numbers cannot be expected to migrate hither, as much owing to conditions in Israel as to conditions abroad. But even to reach the few (and a "few" among five to six million may be "many" in Israel), it is necessary to create an approach, an atmosphere, deeper and more compelling than an Inquiry Office or Employment Bureau. By all means we must guide the unwary and advise the ignorant. But such service, of a technical character, can only be rendered to the individual already somewhat interested. Nor, in my opinion, will Western *Aliya* be fully mobilized merely by providing data on budgets, jobs and housing in Israel.

Aliya should be conceived as a movement, not a registration of persons. The individual attracted to Israel should feel himself part of a corporate undertaking and not a single entity. This aspect of Western *Aliya* implies a crusade in two directions—abroad and in Israel. Mr. Ben Gurion, in spite of his repeated declarations that it is the automatic duty of Zionists to migrate to Israel or abandon the name "Zionist," has latterly acknowledged the real core of the matter—that only an ideal Israel will attract Western *Aliya*. This clearly implies a voluntary, spontaneous act, and not an organizational discipline.

The creation of an "ideal Israel" calls for devotion and effort on two fronts — in Israel and abroad. Perhaps we should more correctly call them one front—that of the Jewish People (wherever they may live). But while enormous energy and means are being devoted to the material development of Israel, little is done in the direction of moral progress. It is conceivable that this function might preferably be initiated abroad, at the instance of Israel, and that such undertaking might provide the mainspring of a Western *Aliya* movement as a factor in its implementation.

It has been said "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Israel, after all, can offer nothing to Western *Olim* but a vision. Even the production of oil is unlikely to serve as a greater inducement.

Readers' Letters

NOT NEW

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Mr. Eban's offer of a non-aggression pact between Israel and the Arab States is not totally novel. The late King Abdullah suggested in 1950 that a five-year non-aggression pact be concluded between Trans-Jordan and this country. The terms were: unchanged frontiers open to normal trade and travel, free access to the Holy Places, and a free port zone for Trans-Jordan at Haifa. Arab-Jewish committees would be set up to consider all problems relating to a final peace settlement.

Israel procrastinated, and there was a leak of the secret negotiations between the King and the Government here which led, ultimately, to his assassination.

It is almost certain that no Arab politician would dare accept the offer not only because of King Abdullah's fate, but also because the proposed pact envisages the recognition of the present boundaries as final, thereby settling, for good and all, one of the main issues of the dispute in Israel's favour.

Yours, etc.,
E. N. KOUSSA

Haifa, October 10.

MULTIPLE PAYMENTS

The Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — From the brief report in today's issue I learned the remarkable fact that multiple contributions to National Insurance are claimed from persons having different sources of income. This practice is bound to lead to absurd consequences.

Since the maximum charge for any income is IL.96, the top-salaried managing director of the biggest industrial enterprise cannot be charged more, whatever his income may amount to. Such a proprietor has to pay the same sum even if his profit exceeds IL.100,000. But a part-time worker in his service getting a mere IL.2,000 and making ends meet by other work, e.g. working on a small lease hold that yields him another IL.2,000, will be charged IL.134.

And so any person with several sources of income, no matter how small, is asked to pay much higher contributions than the biggest profit maker. This strange interpretation of the law — even if it should prove to be tenable formally—cannot but embitter thousands of part-time employed.

I think it is high time that the Government corrected this before more damage is done.

Yours, etc.,
Dr. ALEX KAATZ

Jerusalem.

TAX DEBTS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — When a debtor is unable to pay his debts, the execution office attached to each Court will allow him to do so by instalments, taking into consideration his means and earnings and leaving him with a minimum amount for himself as well as his family. But when the same person owes income tax — even for the assessment year 1955/56 — the execution office of the Finance Ministry fixes instalments without inquiring or caring whether the debtor is able to pay them and what will become of him and his family.

Of course, a debtor can receive a recommendation for a bank loan, but for this he needs guarantors, and if he can't produce them, or is already indebted to the bank, too bad for him.

Yours, etc.,
TWO ADVOCATES

(Names and Addresses Supplied)

Tel Aviv, October 10.

BEACH LANDSLIDE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — This summer I spent my vacation in Nataniya and visited the bathing beach there.

To my horror I found that several landslides had occurred, involving masses of earth of hundreds of tons each falling from a height of 10 to 15 metres. Future slides might easily bury alive people sitting at the foot of the dangerous slope.

Yours, etc.,
S. LICHTENSTEIN

Jerusalem.

AT THE CINEMA

THE French-speaking version of a Carmine Gallone film, "Puccini" (Armon, Haifa) admits at the outset to be a free interpretation of the composer's actual life story. The plot is again that of an artist's entanglements, the neglected wife to whom he returns (Marta Toren), the girl of his student days who becomes the other woman, and the infatuated maid who commits suicide out of love. The excerpts from Puccini's music and operas, particularly "Manon Lescaut," "La Boheme," "Madame Butterfly" and "Turandot," in which Beniamino Gigli supplies the male voice, are excellently recorded. Personally I could have done with more music and less of a composer's sex problems. Nevertheless "Puccini," as fiction, does not drag. Its colour in reinvoking the lush furnishings of years ago is very good. For those interested in cinema technique I commend the beautiful sequence of the funeral service on the lake for the drowned girl. Paolo Stoppa plays the role of Puccini.

Original Study

THE plot of "The Star" (Amphitheatre, Haifa) is the old one of the aging actress who is losing her grip. In the hands of Bette Davis (apart from the fact that, in my opinion, Miss Davis is over-concentrating on the ramifications of self-pitying failure) it becomes an original study. The famous star has lost her audience. She has lost her husband. Her property is sold at public auction. She gets drunk and is locked up. Befriended by two different men, she has the chance of a come-back. But the silliness that arises from popular success gets the better of her and she fails to pass the screen test. That is the great moment of the film, when she becomes honest with herself and recognises her failure. Throughout Miss Davis is good, staccato voiced, expressing the inability of a distressed person to suffer the imbecilities of others or her temperamental fluctuations from utter despair to over-presumptuous happiness. The man she eventually marries is played by Sterling Hayden, direct yet polished in style. *H.*

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Cultural Exchanges Need Care

COMMENTING on the "Friendship Congress" affair, "Davar" (Histadrut) says that international visits of writers, scientists and composers should be encouraged and regrets that so far no reply has been given to the Israel suggestions in that direction. Soviet delegations are of course entitled to visit whomever they want in this country, but if such delegations do not come for real cultural exchange (as when the women's delegation refused to meet the organization of Israel working women) they will come to see Israel through the distorted mirror of their hosts, and this will damage rather than promote relations between the two countries. The paper says that Israel is entitled to insist on the principle of mutuality.

"Ha'aretz" (Non-Party) regrets the delay in signing the agreement reached between the Israel and Jordan commanders in Jerusalem. It may well be that on a Friday afternoon Israel representatives could not locate their superiors for new instructions. If, however, the delay was caused by overly suspicion of the U.N. observers, it should be clearly pointed out that such frequent pedantic adherence to the letter of existing agreements has caused serious political damage to Israel and may cause more in the future.

Commenting on the Rehovot murder, "Haboker" (General Zionist) deals with the danger of hooliganism. One of the reasons for lawlessness is the belief that after all this country is ruled by Jews, and one "need not be afraid of Jewish authorities." This belief has been strengthened by the rash action of the Knesset in abolishing capital punishment for murder. The paper recalls that the President of the Supreme Court recently warned Israel newspapers not to prejudice issues which have not yet been brought to court. Yet in the present case extenuating circumstances have already been granted to the alleged attacker by the radio and the Press. The Press has given the benefit of the doubt to criminals in the past, claiming that they were unbalanced, and the Supreme Court should comment on that too.

B.G. Criticised

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) polemizes against Mr. D. Ben Gurion, who never understood the soul and the destiny of the Kibbutz movement, between whose exigencies and the necessities of settlement in Israel there is no contradiction.

"Herut" complains about Government inaction in view of anti-Jewish persecutions in Egypt and the trial against the 13 Jews in Cairo in which the prosecutor has demanded the death penalty. The paper publishes the text of a letter to the Prime Minister on that issue.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) deals in its editorial with the celebration of the anniversaries of Natanya, Gedera, Magdiel and Beit Yitzhak while "Omer" (Histadrut) appears with 24 pages on the occasion of its own jubilee—one thousand, or rather 1010, issues of "Omer."

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- It can be used 3 to 4 times longer than the regular ribbon.
- It reproduces type as clean and clear as that of a printing press.
- It leaves no imprint or trace on the ribbon, an important consideration when typing documents or letters of a confidential nature.
- It is kind to the letters of the typewriter; machines using Birk Nylon ribbons require a minimum of cleaning.

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